



DIVINE SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Join us tonight Friday, December 2nd in the Church at 6:30pm, as we gather to watch and reflect on the movie “The Ultimate Gift”. Our Advent theme this year is based on discovering what is truly important in life as is the movie.

Donut Sunday THIS Sunday, Dec. 4th in Hospitality following all morning Masses, with a special “**treat**” after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and 5:00pm Mass on Sunday. Hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights of Columbus.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with Carols, Cookies & Cocoa THIS Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30pm in the church.

Thursday December 8th, a holy day of obligation, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will celebrate three Masses; a 6:30pm Vigil on Wednesday, December 7th, and 9:00am and 6:30pm on Thursday, December 8th.

Recycle Sunday NEXT Sunday, December 11th in the back parking lot 7:30am—Noon.

Please consider sponsoring/co-sponsoring a Christmas Basket for a family in need this year! We are in need of 20 more sponsors. More information on our [website](#).

There are additional Advent resources on our website at <https://www.divinesavior.com/advent-reflections-2022> .

Thank you for your generosity in donating greeting cards! We are no longer in need of cards due to the tremendous response of our parishioners.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Octavio, Fr. Patric and Parish Staff



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Masses:

Saturday Evening 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am &
5:00pm (Spanish)

Daily Monday-Friday 9:00am
Holy Days 9:00am & 6:30pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm &
First Fridays 9:30-10:30am or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Call (916) 989-7400 (any time)

Mission Statement

We, the people of Divine Savior Catholic Church, empowered by our Baptism, dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Jesus. Inspired by the love, justice and mercy of Christ, we are called to share His message in service so that all may know the Savior.

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FAITH FORMATION

NEW—B.L.A.S.T.

Building Lives Around Solid Truth video series with Fr. Patric continues this weekend! Catch this week's video on **Peace** as we continue our Advent journey. Video links are available on our website and our YouTube channel, [Divine Savior Orangevale](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Please join us **THIS Tuesday, December 6th, from 6:00pm - 7:00pm** in the Small Conference room located in the church office. For additional info contact kathleen@divinesavior.com



ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called "Inquiry." In a warm and accepting environment you are welcome to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer at jennifer@divinesavior.com or check our [Divine Savior website](http://www.divinesavior.com).



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Fr. Octavio Trejo-Flores, S.D.S.

Matthew 3:1-12 | The Preaching of John the Baptist

In our Gospel reading for this Second Sunday of Advent we heard that the Evangelist Matthew introduces us to an important character in God's plan of salvation for us: John the Baptist. God gave John the mission of announcing the good news about the arrival of the Messiah.

Notice, it seems that in today's Gospel, the name of Jesus is not mentioned at all. However, Matthew is talking about Jesus the whole time because the primary reason for the preaching of John the Baptist is about Jesus.

And so, I would like to comment on a couple of key elements about today's Gospel. Number one, who was John the Baptist? He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, which means that he was related to Jesus. You might also remember that in the Gospels, Jesus states that John the Baptist is the greatest of all prophets. But why did Jesus say that?

Many of you know that John the Baptist prepared the people of Israel for the arrival of the Messiah. And when Jesus finally appeared, John was given the exclusive privilege of being the only prophet to announce that the Messiah had come. So, John the Baptist was not only an important character in Jesus' time for the people of Israel, but also the role that John played was fundamental to God's divine plan of salvation.

And number two: what was the message of John the Baptist? And why is it so important? John's primary message was: "repentance" and "the kingdom of heaven."

In Jesus' day, when the Jewish people heard the preaching of John, they would go back to the prophecies of the Old Testament. And Matthew tells us which prophet: "as it is written in the book of ... the prophet Isaiah." (Cf. Mt 3: 3). So, John's audience understood that he was referring to the image of preparing a path through the desert.

In other words, it is an image of the Exodus. When the people of Israel were set free and they journeyed through the wilderness, home to the Promised Land. That was the first Exodus in the time of Moses.

According to the prophets, one day in the age of Salvation, God would perform a new Exodus where God would save His people again. And so, John the Baptist is preaching the coming of the new Exodus.

You may wonder why the river Jordan. In the Old Testament, the first Exodus ended at the river Jordan, when the people of Israel crossed through the waters of the river Jordan and entered in the promise land. (Cf. Joshua 4-5).

So, John the Baptist goes back to the place where the first Exodus ended, and he says the new Exodus is now to begin. The good news of the coming of the kingdom of God. And it is not just about going to heaven after we die, but the fulfillment of all the prophecies of God to His people being fulfilled in the new coming in this new and glorious kingdom. A new Exodus, a new Promised Land.

So, we, like John the Baptist, we have to be heralds of the Messiah and proclaim the good news of God. And what is the Good News? God has saved us thanks to the merits of our Divine Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCHEDULE for the WEEK of December 5th – December 9th

Monday - December 5th

1:00pm	Balance for Life	Y 1
6:00pm	Reflections	St. Cecilia rm

Tuesday - December 6th

5:30pm	St. Nicholas Celebration	Church
6:00pm	Catholics Returning Home	Office

Wednesday - December 7th

9:45am	Tai Chi	Gym Lobby
12:30pm	Games & Gab	Hospitality
6:30pm	Holy Day Vigil Mass	Church

Thursday - December 8th

9:00am	Holy Day Mass	Church
10:00am	Rosary Group	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Hall
6:30pm	Holy Day Mass	Church

Friday - December 9th

8:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
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**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**
a Holy Day of Obligation, will be
celebrated with three Masses:

**6:30pm Vigil on Wed, Dec. 7th
9:00am and 6:30pm on Thurs, Dec. 8th**



Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with Carols, Cookies & Cocoa.



Please join us this coming
Tuesday, December 6th at
5:30pm in the Church.

WINTER SANCTUARY

This weekend our community will hear about Winter Sanctuary, a homeless shelter and hot meal ministry that Divine Savior will host here January 15-22, 2023. And we need YOUR HANDS and HEARTS to share the gifts of compassion & service!

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

**We will focus our volunteer recruitment effort
in the vestibule for this important endeavor
over the next two weekends in Advent.** Please
contact jennyyearwood@divinesavior.com for more
info.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our second collection THIS weekend supports our Campus Development Fund. These funds help cover the cost of facility repairs, maintenance and replacement.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN

The Christmas Eve Children's Mass is at 6:30pm on December 24th. We would like you to join us as an actor, singer, or a reader for this special night! **We need children to fill the following parts: angels, shepherds, stable animals, wise men, singers, & readers.**

Please RSVP Jen at jennifer@divinesavior.com or call 916-989-7400.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

You will find prayer strips available to write your Advent Prayer Intentions on....and then place them in the manger on the table in the vestibule. These Prayers will be placed in the pillowcase on which Baby Jesus lies at our Christmas Masses.



ADVENT WREATH



"Would you/your family like to light the candles on the Advent wreath as we begin one of our Sunday Masses during Advent? Please reach out to Elaine at

elaine@divinesavior.com to let her know which Sunday and which Mass time you prefer: 4:30pm Vigil, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am or 5:00pm Spanish Mass."

Divine Savior is looking for individuals or families who would like to adopt a special senior member of our community this holiday season. The holidays can be a very lonely time for some of our parishioners....Please consider adopting one of our "Silver Bells" and blessing them this Christmas with a little extra joy, love, and holiday spirit. Visit the special giving tree in the vestibule to learn more! Hoping to have all our seniors adopted by December 11th! **Here are 4 ways to get involved:**

- ♦ Take a bell from the tree and adopt a Divine Savior senior.
- ♦ Purchase and donate bulk items for the goodie baskets: individually wrapped bakery/pastry items, individually wrapped: cookies, candy, chips, snacks, individual tissue packs, chapstick, hand lotion, small water bottles.
- ♦ Help assemble our goody baskets/bags.
- ♦ Serve as one of our elves helping to deliver to our senior friends Dec. 19-21st.
- ♦ Contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com if you have questions!

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TIS' THE SEASON!

Please consider sponsoring/co-sponsoring a Christmas Basket for a family in need this year! Our Divine Savior Parish Christmas Basket Ministry still needs **20 sponsors!** Details about sponsoring or co-sponsoring are available on our [parish website!](#)

We are also recruiting volunteers for the Distribution Day, Saturday December 17th. Please contact the following individuals if you need more information!



To sponsor a Christmas Basket: Sherry Maier sheryannmaier@comcast.net

To volunteer on 12/17: Jacquie Cubre jacquiechristmas2022@gmail.com

SEEKING BABY JESUS



Do you have a baby who would like to be Baby Jesus at one of our Christmas Masses? If so, please call the parish office or email elaine@divinesavior.com.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Blue Christmas is a quiet, contemplative service for those who struggle to navigate the holidays or for whom this season may not be entirely jolly. Please join us on **Sunday, Dec. 18th at 2:30pm in the Church.** Please extend an invite to others who may find peace in a service of this kind. for more information please contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com



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DIVINE SAVIOR ONLINE BOOK CLUB

As we celebrate this season of Advent and begin a new liturgical year, you are invited to begin a new adventure by joining the **Divine Savior Online Book Club**. This is a private book club for men and women. Just copy and paste this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2106074739539139> to join. If you are not already a Facebook member you may need to join Facebook and then paste this link.

As part of our Advent journey, we will be reading *"I'm Still here: Black Dignity In A World Made For Whiteness"* by Austin Channing Brown. Members read 10-15 or so pages per week, from their own home at a time that is convenient, and then share their insights and comments, "shared wisdom," on the online book club section. We can learn and grow from each other and make new acquaintances and friends too. Online sharing beginning January. If you have any questions, please email Sue at sschuttinger@gmail.com.

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec	3rd	4:30pm	Dorothy Donner
Dec	4th	8:00am	People of the Parish
		9:30am	Ronnie Rivera (D) Henry Kalani Wong, Sr.
		11:30am	Tim Johnston Michele Yannaconne (D)
		5:00pm	People of the Parish
Dec	5th	9:00am	Norma Hunnicutt (D)
Dec	6th	9:00am	Rick Biamonte Priscilla Gonzales
Dec	7th	9:00am	Ria Chua Tim Johnston
Dec	8th	9:00am	Tiffany Reyes (D)
Dec	9th	9:00am	
Dec	10th	4:30pm	Walter F. Hanagan (D)
Dec	11th	8:00am	People of the Parish
		9:30am	Thomas Phuc Nguyen (D)
		11:30am	Michele Yannaconne (D)
		5:00pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Rachael Lopez
Kathleen Arceo	Diane Lyons
Tom Baldwin	Jeff McAlpine
Robert Beviacqua	Bernard McHale
Nancy Bingham	Candie & George Maisano
John Bosch	Robert Maniaci
Julie Bouse	Steve Mann
Eduardo Bravo	Betty Marmon
Patrick Carter	Vince Meno
Maura Clark	Cathy Mikitka
Jeff Coward	Mauri Murillo
John Ray David	Shirley & Glen Newton
Elizabeth Davis	Jeff O'Connor
Noreen Davis	Karen Paddock
John Deatherage	Gerrie & Paul Parker
James DeVous	Linda Parker
Reggie Faulk	Martha Pena
Dorothy Feldman	Josefina Perez
Jackie Feliciano	Debbie Polsky
Richard Forsyth	Sharon Raab
Esther Garcia	Michael Reagan
Gary Gonsolves	Gladys Reilly
Jeannie Gonsolves	Angela Ridge
Barbara Hamilton	Roxanne Rosales
Sandra Harris	Madeline Rose
Joe Hellen	Gerry Ryden
John Herzog	Beckett Schmidt
David Hribik	Donna Schulte
Bridgette Hubbard	Tom Sekel
Tim Johnston	Shari Sigl
Francis Jones	Susan & Mike Taylor
Katie Larkins	Pete Torres, Jr.
Georgia Leonard	Lynette Virdier
Seth Lombardy	Dorothy Wilhite

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Ed Clark Rosa Hernandez

John Olsen Henry Kalani Wong, Sr.

*For these and all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

